



REMARKS

The outstanding Office Action includes a rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as claim 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,302. In view of the above amendment canceling claim 18 and introducing new claims 19-37, it is believed that this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

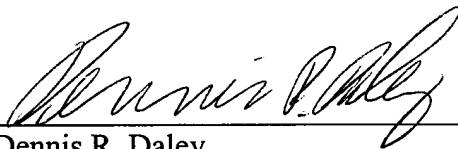
It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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